to the hospital authorities who informed the Police. The Police notified the missing of the child and made local enquiries but the child could not be traced. As the mother of the child was too ill at the time, she was not informed about her missing child immediately. This is a sad case. Suitable instructions for undertaking detailed measures necessary to prevent the occurrence of such extraordinary incidents in future have since been issued to the Director of Medical Services."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Is it not the duty of the Government to see that the child which was admitted in the Children's Ward when the mother was ailing and was in the hospital, when found to be missing and representations were made by the mother as well as the father of the child, which was the only child and the whole future of the family, was in safe custody, and what action have the Government taken to relieve the family's grief and loss? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As I said, steps have been taken to prevent such incidents in the future."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—"In view of this and many other similar complaints raised on the floor of this Assembly, and since they have been brought to the notice of the Government, will the Government realize that life has become insecure and intolerable inside the hospitals in the State and will the Government be pleased to appoint a non-official committee to conduct an open enquiry into the administration of these institutions? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is the only incident of its kind, and I have already said that all necessary steps have been taken in the matter to prevent such mishaps in the future."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of giving compensation to the family? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No such necessity has arisen so far, and it has not been considered."

Compensation to the family of P.C. No. 526 of Tanjore district.

* 290 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that a Police Constable No. 526, named Shanmugam of Tanjore District Reserve Force, died on 28th October 1952 at about 7 a.m. all of a sudden while on Road March;

(*b*) whether the family of the constable is eligible for any compensation; and

(*c*) if so, what will be the amount?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) The report received from the District Superintendent of Police, Tanjore, shows that constable No. 726, Shanmugam of the Armed

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Reserve, Tanjore, died all of a sudden at about 6-30 a.m. on 28th October 1952, while on route-march from Tanjore to the shooting range in the Vallam Aerodrome—apparently due to heart-failure.

" (b) & (c) The family of the deceased constable is not eligible for any compensation under the rules as he had put in only about two years of service and death seems to be due to natural causes."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" From the answer given by the Hon. Chief Minister, it is learnt that though the constable's service is only two years, he died on a route-march because of heart-failure. Will the Government consider the question—it is not essential whether the service should be ten years or two years—of giving compensation to his family and affording them some relief, because he was forced to go on route-march though he was seriously ill and was in such a state of health that he died on the march? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There was no notice of his illness either to the Government or to the man himself. There was no question of forcing him to march. It was part of his duties, and he was in it. I admit, Sir, that a constable whose health was like that should not have been passed by the Medical people for appointment. But within two years, a man cannot get rights of the kind proposed."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Irrespective of the period of service being one year or two years, is the act not an act in the discharge of his duties, which hastened his death? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We have certain rules in the matter which have been framed long ago and from experience have been found to be just and proper. There are conditions attached to such grants. The period of service as well as the cause of the death and all things are taken together. According to the rules, a man who has served only two years and who dies on account of natural causes is not entitled to compensation. But if we provide that every death, whatever it may be due to, natural causes or otherwise, whenever it may be, even if it is two days after appointment or one year after appointment or after ten years' service, if we say that every one must be given some grant, then the finances of the Government will not bear such a burden."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Since anyway the death of the police constable has happened, will the Government consider the question of relief to the family by providing some compensation, despite the fact that there is no provision for it in the rules? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is possible to be compassionate and I am very glad the Opposition is compassionate-minded; but I am sorry they are not compassionate with regard to the finances of the Government. If I bring taxation measures and if the Opposition will agree, I will be

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more liberal with all these people—there is no difficulty about that. But apart from that, there are certain benevolent funds to which a constable of this kind would be entitled. Unfortunately, he did not become a member of any such fund."

Assignment of lands to Sri Rajababaiah of Repalle taluk, Guntur district.

9 a.m. * 291 *Q*.—Sri V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land assigned to Guttikonda Rajababaiah and others at Adavuladeevi of Repalle taluk, Guntur district;

(*b*) the terms on which the said land was assigned;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation from the local people requesting the Government to cancel the assignment order; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) Three hundred acres.

" (*b*) No special terms were laid down for the assignment.

" (*c*) A petition was received in June 1952 from the President, Julu Agnikulakshatriya Class Society, Repalle taluk, containing certain allegations against the Revenue Subordinates as regards the assignment of these lands.

" (*d*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Sir, in spite of the fact that a society was already formed in the area including the local landless poor, why did the Government assign the land to a man who is 20 to 25 miles away from the place? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The land was not assigned to one man but it was assigned to a number of people."

Sri Y. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any ceiling limit fixed for the extent of land to be assigned to any particular individual? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, this assignment was made in 1950 and I do not have information about the question."

Sri G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know, Sir, what was the extent of land that was allotted to this gentleman, Rajababaiah? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I think it was 10 acres, Sir."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the clear-cut policy enunciated by the Government many a time that the landless poor and especially the Harijans, should get first preference in allotment